

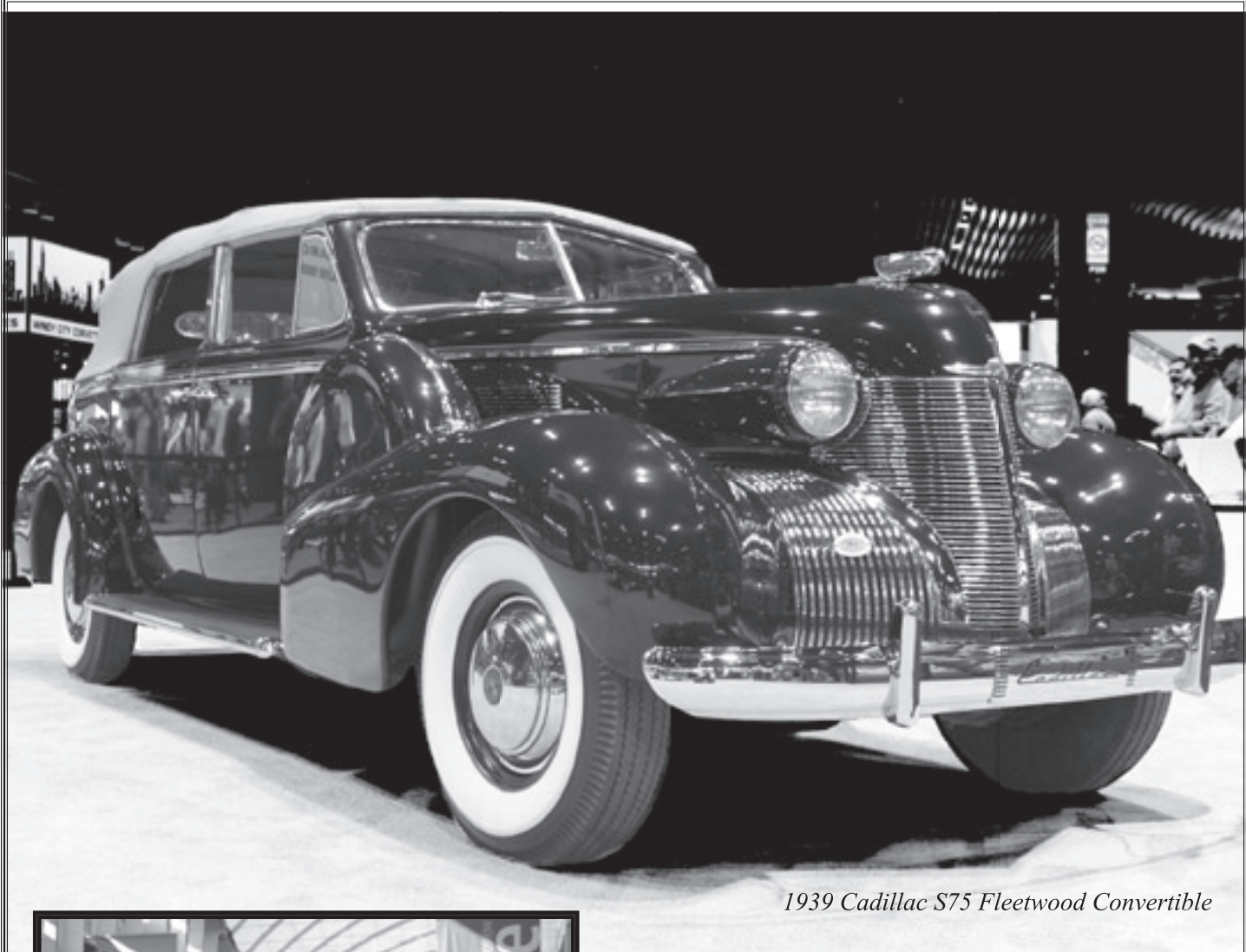
UP TO SPEED

March 2013

Greater Illinois Region/CCCA
<http://gir.classiccarclub.org>

"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



1939 Cadillac S75 Fleetwood Convertible



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Message from the Regional Director

2013 got off to a great start with a Valentine's party at Drury Lane. We had lunch and saw Sunset Boulevard, a fantastic show. We can thank our new BOD members Bud & Marleah Schweppe who very efficiently organized and set this event up.

Our next event is Behind The Scene, April 7, 2013. The sign-up sheet is in the following pages. This is a restoration shop tour starting with a continental breakfast at Reuben Taylor's shop. Reuben has several old Lincolns and a 1949 Mercury under restoration. One of his tenants is Columbian Model, who builds scale models for architectural firms with the finest details of large building complexes in downtown Chicago and other cities. The Chicago Architectural Foundation has one of these models on display in their lobby.

At about 12:00 noon we will tour Cooper Technica's shop. Their staff will show and describe what it takes to bring very rare and unique European cars (Delage, Delahaye, Alfa Romeo) back to Pebble Beach quality show cars. About 2:00 P.M. we will go to Salerno's Pizza and Pasta for lunch. This is a neighborhood restaurant that serves pizza and what ever great dish Mamma Mia is making that day.

Parking should be **NO** problem on this tour. There is plenty of parking in front of Reuben Taylor's building and Cooper Technica has a lot next to their building. Salerno's has a parking lot behind their restaurant. This is one tour you don't want to miss.



Tom Roche, GIRCCCA Regional Director

Greater Illinois Region Welcomes New Members

Terry Berg, Phillip Chojnacri, Todd Hewell, Ed James, Patrick Hurst, James and Linda Kleinschmidt, Al Levit, Paul Knowlton, Michael Naughton, William Piggott. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events!

GIRCCCA 2013 Events

Sunday, April 7 Behind the Scene

Reuben Taylor Shop & Columbian Model 9 a.m.
Cooper Technica - 12 noon.

Followed by Lunch at Salerno's on West Grand
Tom Roche/Mark Smith

Sunday, June 16 Father's Day Show

Oak Brook

Russ Rodriguez

**** Need Help w/Parking ****

Sunday, July 21 Annual Picnic

Time & Place TO BE DETERMINED

Paul TerHorst/Tom Roche

September 20, 21, 22 Fall Tour

Peoria, IL - Stay tuned for details

Bill Hexamer/ Dan Sobczyk

Sunday, November 10 Annual Dinner

Dreihaus Mansion, Chicago (Details TBA)

Bob & Sheila Joynt/Tom Roche

Other Events of Note

CCCA National Rediscover America

CARavan May 4 - 26

(Will be in Geneva, IL May 9 & 10)

More info @ ClassicCarClub.org / 847-390-0443

Lincoln Highway Association 100th

Anniversary Tour June 21 - 30 Tours leaving from New York City and San Francisco will meet in Kearney, NB for the annual conference and Centennial Celebration. Reservations & Info @ 330-418-3980

Barrington Concours July 12 - 14

Makray Memorial Golf Club, Barrington

More info @ www.barringtonconcours.org
847-381-4291

If anyone in the club will be participating in the Rediscover America or the Lincoln Highway tour, showing at a Concours, or receives any awards, please let Maureen know - we'd like to give it a mention in one of the upcoming newsletters!

Historic Lincoln Highway

The Lincoln highway was originally conceived by Carl Graham Fisher, of Indiana, a bicycle enthusiast who became a promoter of the automotive and auto racing industries. In 1904 Fisher and a friend bought into a patent to manufacture acetylene headlights, and before long his firm supplied nearly every headlamp on U.S. autos. He also operated what is believed to be the first auto dealership in the country, in Indianapolis. A very successful and very wealthy entrepreneur, he lost it all in the stock market crash of 1929 and the following Great Depression.

The first officially recorded length of the entire Lincoln Highway in 1913 was 3,389 miles but over the years, with improvements and numerous realignments, the highway had been shortened to 3,142 miles by 1924. There are a total of 14 states and over 700 cities and towns through which the highway passes at some time in its history. In 1926 the United States Numbered Highway System came into being and most of the Lincoln Highway route became US Rt 30 with portions becoming US Rt 1 in the East and US Rts 40 and 50 in the West.

The *Lincoln Highway Association*, originally established in 1913 to plan, promote, and sign the highway, was re-formed in 1992 and is now dedicated to promoting and preserving the road and maintains a national tourist center in Franklin Grove, IL, in a historic building built by Harry Isaac Lincoln, a cousin of Abraham Lincoln.



- A. What was the first car to have a speedometer and what year?
- B. What was the first car to have an Automatic Transmission and what year?
- C. Who opened the first drive-in gas station and in what year?

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ANSWERS

- A. The 1901 curved Dash Oldsmobile.
- B. Oldsmobile introduced its four speed Hydra-Matic as a \$39.00 extra in 1939.
- C. Gulf in Pittsburgh, PA in 1913. Prior to that, car owners bought gasoline out of a drum at the General Store.

Rediscover America On A Tour of a Lifetime

Here is a more detailed schedule of the Rediscover America CARavan. For anyone fortunate enough to be making all or even part of this trip it should be an awesome tour! From Gettysburg to the Golden Gate Bridge there are some fabulous stops planned with visits to several outstanding museums and private collections. For those of you in the Chicago area who may have seen some of the local highlights on the list it still promises to be a first-class, fun-filled couple of days, from the river tour to lunch at the top of the city.



There is some fantastic scenery along the way, too. The tour meanders the Black Hills of South Dakota, where you will undoubtedly see Elk grazing in Custer State Park and tunnels along the Needles Highway occasionally frame Mt. Rushmore in the distance. Devils Tower in Wyoming, and the majestic Grand Tetons are sights to behold as are the Sierra Nevada, just outside of Reno - the Biggest Little City in the World. Yosemite National Park, the wine country of California and San Francisco await at the end of the road.

Rediscover America - it could not be more aptly named. It sounds like the tour of a lifetime! Do NOT forget your cameras!

Passport Transport is offering CCCA a 20% discount.
417-588-4939. Ask for Neil Pit, President.
Tell him you are a CCCA member.

Rediscover America CARavan Day-by-Day Highlights

Friday, May 3, 2013

Early Bird arrival at Meadowlands, New Jersey

Saturday, May 4, 2013 – Meadowlands, NJ

Morning bus tour to Sam and Emily Mann's collection; Lunch at Ralph Marano's collection; "Night on the Town" Tour in New York

Sunday, May 5, 2013 – Gettysburg, PA

Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg Battlefield

Monday, May 6, 2013 – Pittsburgh, PA

Evening dinner at LeMont overlooking the city and the Three Rivers at the Confluence

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 – Canton, OH

Lunch at Historic Spread Eagle Tavern, visit the Classic Car Museum and the Pro Football Hall of Fame followed by Dinner at Benders Classic Era Restaurant

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 – Auburn, IN

Tour and dinner at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum

Thursday, May 9, 2013 – Geneva-St. Charles, IL

Dinner at the historic Herrington Hotel

Friday, May 10, 2013 – Geneva-St. Charles, IL

Visit Ed and Judy Schoethaler's collection, tour the Driehaus Mansion and Museum, architectural boat tour of Chicago, lunch at the Signature Room on the 95th floor of the John Hancock Tower, dinner at the Greek Islands Restaurant

Saturday, May 11, 2013 – Cedar Rapids, IA

Visit the National Motorcycle Museum, dinner at Denais Holloway's collection

Sunday, May 12, 2013 – Sioux City, IA

Visit the Sioux City Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, dinner on the Missouri River at the Hilton Garden Inn

Monday, May 13, 2013 – Pierre, SD

Dinner and tour of the Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center and Museum

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 – Rapid City, SD

Drive through the Black Hills and the Badlands, visit the famous Wall Drug

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 – Rapid City, SD

Visit Mt. Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial, Needles Scenic Highway, Custer State Park and Jewel Cave National Monument

Thursday, May 16, 2013 – Sheridan, WY

Drive through Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway and visit Deadwood and Devils Tower

Friday, May 17, 2013 – Cody, WY

Drive to Cody, Wyoming to visit the Buffalo Bill Museum and Yellowstone National Park

Saturday, May 18, 2013 – Jackson, WY

Drive the Grand Tetons and dinner at the National Museum of Wildlife Art

Sunday, May 19, 2013 – Park City, UT

Visit Main Street and its many restaurants and shops

Monday, May 20, 2013 – Ely, NV

Nevada gambling Casino and Hotel

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 – Reno, NV

Tour and dinner at the National Automobile Museum (the Reno, NV Harrah Collection)

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 – Yosemite, CA

Dinner and tour of the Ahwahnee Lodge National Landmark, tour of Yosemite National Park

Thursday, May 23, 2013 - San Ramon, CA

Tour and dinner at the Blackhawk Museum

Friday, May 24, 2013

Vineyard tour in Napa Valley and Sonoma area

Saturday, May 25, 2013

Ferry Ride and day in San Francisco

Sunday, May 26, 2013 – Tiburon, CA

Visit to a private collections rarely seen; Final banquet

GIRCCCA Annual Valentine Dinner

The first event of 2013 was the annual Valentine's Day dinner. Held Sunday, February 10th at the Drury Lane Theatre in Oak Brook. Outside it was rainy and windy but inside the fabulous chandeliered lobby there were flowers for the ladies, good company and good food, followed by a first rate production of the Andrew Lloyd Weber version of the classic play, Sunset Boulevard.



Chicago Auto Show 2013 - GIRCCCA & IL Region of AACA Come Through Again

For the third year in a row GIRCCCA, with the help of the IL Region of the AACA has supplied the man power to maintain the booth, watch over the cars, answer questions and pass out literature. The show ran 10 days this year - 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. and we tried to divide it up into 2 shifts.

GIRCCCA members supplied all the cars for the display. It takes a lot to dig your car out of winter storage and trailer it down to the show. But what an honor to say that your car was in the Chicago Auto Show!

We would like to give a special thanks to the following GIRCCCA members who brought their cars this year: Mark Smith, Seymour Persky (Roger Stock), Steve Murphy, Steve Grobl.

Thank you all for your dedication to the club!

A special thanks to the GIRCCCA members who manned the booth:

Reuben Taylor & Mario Landeros

Bill Vogt

John Barrett

Bill Morris

Tom & Derrick Kleinschmidt

Al & Tony Sikora

Tom & Jean Roche

Mark Smith

Russ Rodriguez

Bud Schweppe

Bob & Sheila Joynt

Kathy & Roger Eckhart

Roger & Susan Stock

And the IL Region of AACA

Jim & Laura McDonald

Ernie Hart

Jim Genotte

Joe & Linda Dolezal

Bob Markert

Ron Pavlak

John Ryan

Cheryl & Wayne Rissmann

And a very special thank you to Tom Roche for putting the whole thing together!

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Auto Show Facts

The Chicago Auto Show premiered in 1901

There was no show during the war years 1942-49.

The show moved to its present venue - McCormick Place in 1961.



1932 Chrysler Imperial ~ Seymour Persky



Al & Tony Sikora



1947 Chrysler Town & Country ~ Dreihaus Collection



1930 Model 733 Packard Roadster ~ Mark and Nancy Smith

Editor's Corner



Believe it or not, I have never been to the auto show until this year. It was interesting, and I did find a couple of cars that would be fun to own. Too bad my excellent taste far exceeds my budget. What was just as fun as looking at the new models was getting to see the wonderful older cars on display. Several car clubs were represented; GIRCCCA, Windy City Corvettes, the Camaro Club and Drive Chicago Classics all had exhibits. Ford had a pick-up that was restored to a shinier finish than it probably had when it was new, and Chevy had both a new model Camaro and an original one at the show. All in all, it was a nice way to spend an afternoon forgetting about the rain clouds and cold winds outside. Looking at those Classics I got to daydreaming about how much fun it would be to be able to participate in the Caravan in May! I hope some of you are able to join up for at least a portion of the trip. And be sure and let me know if you have any room - I'd be happy to go along for the ride!

Maureen

From the Membership Chairperson

The Classic Car Club of America requires **all** members; regular, associate, and life members to join the national organization **and then** the regional, and to renew their membership annually. More than 40 of last year's members have not yet renewed their membership for 2013. Maybe some have moved or no longer want to belong to the club. You need to be member in good standing to receive the publications and attend events. If you are a life member in the Greater Illinois Region, you need to also join the national organization, Classic Car Club of America. Those who have **not** renewed their memberships will no longer be considered members in good standing and this will be your last Up To Speed. Renew now - We would hate to see you go!

Members Name Tags

CCCA Greater Illinois name tags are available to all members and are especially nice to have during GIR events like the picnic and the Oakbrook car show. They are available for \$15.00 each. Please call or email Kathy Eckhart (847 885-2512) or k44kathy@cs.com.

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GIRCCCA CLASSIC CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

Behind the Scene

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2013

On Sunday, April 7 GIRCCCA members are invited to visit two restoration shops near downtown Chicago. Joining us on the tour will be members of the Lake Shore Lincoln & Continental Owners club, the Packard Club and the Model A Club.

Reuben Taylor's Shop and Garage Tour, 1528 West Adams St, Chicago, will begin at **9:00 a.m.** The shop is 1/2 block EAST of the intersection of Adams and Ashland, just North of the Eisenhower Xpway (I-290) at Rush Hospital. There is usually lots of street parking on Sundays but you may also park in the lot in front of 1516 W. Adams.

Doughnuts, juice, coffee and other tidbits will be provided. Enter the front door and go seven steps down to the basement where you will see Reuben's tools, equipment and long rows of shelving. A walk out the back will lead to the alley and a garage full of antique Lincolns under construction.

The second floor tenant, **Columbian Model**, will also be hosting visitors that day. Columbian built a scale model of downtown Chicago for the Chicago Architectural Foundation. Architectural docent, fellow member and walking car dictionary Bob Joynt plans to be on hand.

At approximately 12 noon the tour will move on to **Cooper Technica**, 401 N. May St., Chicago. David Cooper and his staff will describe what it takes to bring very old, very rare European cars back to life.

Following the tours, we will adjourn to Salerno's Pizza and Pasta at 1201 West Grand Ave, Chicago, where everyone will order, and pay for, their own meal.

See you there!



photo courtesy Reuben Taylor



*Architectural Model of downtown Chicago
- Columbian Model*

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT # _____

Payment of **\$10 per person** will help cover the cost of the morning's refreshments.

Please reply by March 30th!

No. of persons _____ x \$10 each _____ (total)

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